

# 2008 PPS ICD-9-CM Code Updates What You Need To Know



The home health's industry's revised 2008 Prospective Payment System (PPS) has made diagnoses selection, sequencing and coding absolutely critical to accurate agency reimbursement and quality outcomes. The revised PPS clinical case mix model expands case mix diagnoses in both the primary and secondary diagnoses positions. Yet preliminary industry PPS studies indicate that over one third of certified home care agencies do not evidence comprehensive diagnoses selection and sequencing to accurately represent the clinical complexity of their patient population. Inaccurate or incomplete diagnoses selection and sequencing may have disastrous effects on agency care planning, quality outcomes and reimbursement.

This education program will provide an overview of diagnoses selection, sequencing and code assignment as it pertains to common home health scenarios. Case mix updates per the revised 2008 PPS regulations will provide critical insights into the selection and assignment of accurate ICD-9-CM codes. Coding mandates, guidelines and exceptions will be reviewed in the home health context. Coding inconsistencies as well as tips to avoid common, and costly, diagnoses sequencing pitfalls will also be reviewed. Learn what your peers are doing to enhance accurate diagnoses selection and sequencing to substantiate OASIS documentation critical to agency success.

By the completion of this education program participants will:

1. Identify and apply 2008 ICD-9-CM Code updates and code conventions to accurately sequence and code common home health scenarios with the expanded 2008 PPS case mix diagnoses list;
2. Utilize PPS and CMS source documents to detail the selection and sequencing of primary, secondary and case mix items;
3. Discuss industry risks in the 2008 PPS case mix model that jeopardizes accurate quality outcomes and agency reimbursement;
4. Identify agency strategies that enhance the accurate selection and sequencing of primary and secondary diagnoses.

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION - Thursday, December 6 (PPS ICD-9-CM Code Updates Teleconference)

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